

Regional EJ IWG Meeting Agenda March 16, 2017

1:00pm – 2:00pm

Teleconference: **Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy**

GOALS: FY 17 Priorities and Next Steps

1:00pm Roll Call/Welcome

1:05pm Updates

- NEJC
- Webinar Series
- Region 4 EJ Academy
 - Gauging interest in possibly using Region 10, Portland to pilot an EJ Academy
- Region 4 Mebane NC Meeting
- Community Solutions Call
- Resource Guide
- MAX.GOV (Documents to Upload)
- Recruitment

1:20pm Review FY 17 Priorities Implementation from March 2 Meeting – Continue discussion on concrete deliverables for 2017.

Goal 1: Enhanced communication and coordination

Enhanced communication and coordination to improve health, quality-of-life, and economic opportunities in overburdened communities

❖ **Access and Awareness Subcommittee**

EJ IWG Access and Awareness Webinar Series

- The subcommittee will aim to produce 6 webinars in FY17.
 - Goal complete
- Create a resource document to coincide with Access and Awareness webinar topics that has links to relevant resources and contact information.
 - Could be a project to be completed after webinar series ends in May 2017 using all the resources from the different webinar speakers
- Regional Interagency Collaboration Lessons Learned Document
 - Packaging the document with other resources that are created to help those looking to start an EJ IWG in their region. Could be New EJ IWG Toolkit
 - Create a directory of staff working on EJ to add to the toolkit
 - Develop FAQs
- Suggestions for 2018 Priorities

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- Webinar switch to once every other month

Goal 2: Enhance multi-agency support

Enhance multi-agency support of holistic community-based solutions to provide assistance as needed to address environmental justice issues

- ❖ **Look for opportunities to help establish a Regional/State EJ IWG** Work with field staff and stakeholders to identify ways to help create one or more additional Regional/State EJ IWGs. Provide resources and promote the benefits of these groups on place based initiatives and serving the needs communities with EJ issues.
 - Develop education on how to work with communities
 - Look for more opportunities to connect the Regional EJ IWG with other regional efforts

- Conversation to be continued

- ❖ **Look for opportunities to expand agency participation in EPA EJ Academy.** Form a Federal Environmental Justice Academy Steering Committee. Engage IWG members in planning and coordination of agency involvement in the EJA.

Goal 4: Develop partnerships with academic institutions

Develop partnerships with academic institutions to assist in providing long-term technical assistance to overburdened communities

- ❖ **Look for opportunities to expand CUPP-** Host a webinar highlighting the work of the CUPP program and its role in interagency initiatives target at academic institutions that do not currently have partnerships with the CUPP program or the IWG.
Next Steps: CUPP Presentation?

1:55pm Announcements /Next Meeting

Team Members

- Joey Baietti (HUD/Co-chair)
- Marsha Minter (EPA/Co-chair)
- Evelyn Britton (GSA)
- Lucy Jenkins (GSA)
- Stephanie Wilson-Colemon (GSA)
- Gary Bojes (USDA)
- Cynthia Ferguson (DOJ)
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- Jeanine Finley (EPA)

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Meeting Schedule: First and Third Thursdays @ 1pm (March 2, 16)

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